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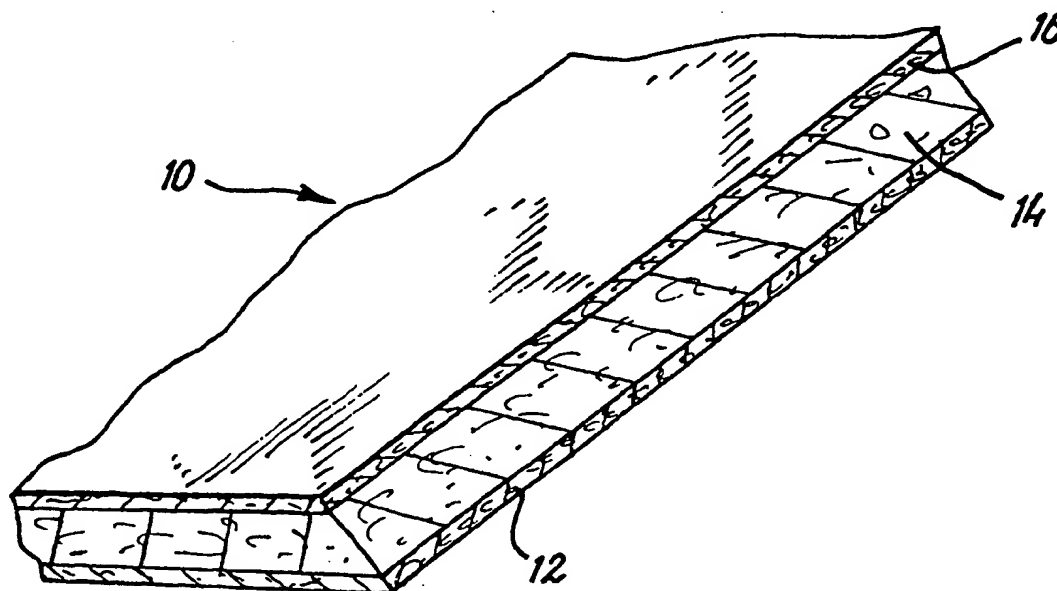


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(57) Abstract

A bandage (10) includes a first absorbent layer (12) for arrangement adjacent the skin of a patient and a second absorbent layer (14) on the first absorbent layer (12), the second absorbent layer (14) having a greater propensity for the absorption of fluids than the first absorbent layer (12), whereby when the bandage (10) is arranged over a wound of a patient, the first absorbent layer can absorb fluid from the wound and the second absorbent layer can absorb said fluid from the first absorbent layer.